United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries

United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society

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Washington Office on Latin America World Vision

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STATE ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Illinois (IL)

ACLU of North Carolina (NC)

ACLU of Ohio (OH)

Action for Children North Carolina (NC) Advocates for Children and Youth (MD)

Alabama Youth Justice Coalition

Alston Wilkes Society (SC)

Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Office of Restorative Justice (CA)

Asian Law Caucus (CA)

ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc. (WI) Barrios Unidos—Santa Cruz Chapter (CA) Barrios Unidos-Virginia Chapter (VA)

CASA of Maryland, Inc. (MD)

Center for Community Alternatives (NY) Central American Legal Assistance (NY)

Chicago Area Project (IL)

Children's Action Alliance (AZ) Children's Campaign, Inc. (FL)

Citizens for Juvenile Justice (MA)

Columbia Heights Shaw Family Collaborative (DC)

Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance (CT) Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office (CA)

Correctional Association of New York (NY) Council for Children's Rights (NC)

DC Alliance of Youth Advocates (DC)

DC NAACP Youth Council (DC)

Delaware Center for Justice (DE) Equal Justice Initiative (AL)

Facilitating Leadership in Youth (FLY)

Faith Communities for Families and Children (CA)

Families & Allies of Virginia's Youth (VA) Families & Friends of La.'s Incarcerated Children (LA)

Families Moving Forward (CT)

Florida Public Defender Association, Inc. (FL)

Florida Public Defender, Fourth Judicial Circuit (FL)

Florida Families for Fair Sentences (FL) Franklin County Public Defender (OH) Fusion Partnerships, Inc. (MD)

Hispanic Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (OH)

Homies Unidos (CA)

H.O.P.E., Inc (KS)

Identity, Inc. (MD)

John Howard Association of Illinois (IL)

JustChildren (VA)

Justice for DC Youth (DC)

Juvenile Justice Center of Suffolk University Law School (NY)

Juvenile Justice Coalition (OH)

Juvenile Justice Initiative of Illinois (IL) Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (LA) Kansas CURE (KS)

L.A. Youth Justice Coalition (CA)

Latin American Youth Center (DC)

Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. (CA)

Life Pieces to Masterpieces, Inc. (DC) Law Office of Anthony J. Keber (MA)

Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition (MD) Maryland Office of the Public Defender (MD)

Mental Health Association in Pennsylvania (PA)

Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MI)

Mid-Atlantic Juvenile Defender Center, Juvenile Law and Policy Clinic, University of Richmond School of Law (VA)

Midwest Juvenile Defender Center (IL)

Minnesota Juvenile Justice Coalition (MN) Mississippi CURE (MS)

Mississippi Youth Justice Project (MS)

New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NH)

New Jersey Association on Correction (NJ) New Mexico Council on Crime and Delinquency (NM)

New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (NM)

Pacific Juvenile Defender Center (CA)

Parents Who Care Coalition (SD)

Parents, Youth, Children and Family Training Institute (AL)

Partnership for Safety and Justice (OR)

Puerto Rico Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (PR)

Public Justice Center (MD)

PTA of Illinois (IL)

Southern Juvenile Defender Center (AL)

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TX)

The Fortune Society (NY)

The Law Offices of Public Defender Bennett H. Brummer (Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office) (FL)

The Pendulum Foundation (CO)

The Poor People's Alliance, Connecticut Chapter (CT)

The S.T.O.P. Family Investment Center at Oakmont North (VA)

Southern Poverty Law Center (AL)

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TN)

UNC Juvenile Justice Clinic, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law (NC)

United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries (OH)

Virginia Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education (VA)

Virginia Commonwealth University Center for School-Community Collaboration (VA) Virginia C.U.R.E. (VA)

VOICES for Alabama's Children (AL)

VOICES for Children in Nebraska (NE)

VOICES for Ohio's Children (OH)

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WA)

Washington Defender Association (WA)

Washington Defender Association's Immigration Project (WA)

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (PA)

Youth Advocacy Project of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (MA)

Young America Works Public Charter School (DC)

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Donna M. Bishop, Northeastern University

Susan J. Carstens, Psy.D., L.P. Juvenile Specialist, Crystal Police Dept. (MN)

The Honorable Toni Harp, Connecticut State Senator

The Honorable Alice L. Bordsen, North Carolina State Representatives

Jolanta Juszkiewicz, Ph.D., American University (D.C.)

The Honorable Kelvin Roldán, Connecticut State Representative Tony Roshan Samara, George Mason Uni-

versity (VA) Earle Williams, Psy.D. Hampton Univer-

sity, (VA) Aaron Kupchik, Ph.D., University of Delaware

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEM-CHIRICAHUA APACHE ORY OF LEADER GOYATHLAY, ALSO KNOWN AS GERONIMO, ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

## HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, as the Republican Co-Chair of the Native American Caucus and as the only enrolled tribal member in Congress, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the passing of a Native American hero, Goyathlay, more commonly known as Geronimo.

Born into one of the most dangerous eras in Native American history in 1829, this Apache leader devoted his life to leading his people both spiritually and militarily. Though outnumbered and less armed, Goyathlay valiantly and successfully fought both Mexican and American troops in order to maintain the independence of his own people for decades. Even when his own wife and children were killed by attacking soldiers, his resolve never ended to keep his people free and safe.

In 1886, when the United States government launched an expedition to capture Goyathlay, he never rested. Constantly moving, and exhausted, he demonstrated true leadership and resolve by and preventing his band of Apaches from resigning their sovereignty to the United States government. When Goyathlay and his band were finally captured, they were moved as prisoners of war to several different bases in Florida, Alabama and Oklahoma. Finally, Goyathlay was transferred to Ft. Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma were he is buried today.

On this 100th Anniversary of his death, it is my sincerest hope, that his descendants might find healing and peace as they heal from the tragedies suffered by their ancestors. Today, Goyathlay can serve as an example for all of Indian Country. Though the United States policy toward Indian Country has drastically improved since the time of Goyathlay, the fight for tribal sovereignty is far from over. His strong dedication to this principle as well as his determined leadership is truly inspirational for all those fighting for Native Americans today.

Again, Madam Speaker, I am proud to speak today to honor one of the greatest Native American heroes in history. As the San Carols Apache Tribe and others throughout Indian Country gather to honor the life of this great leader, I wish them all the best and hope that this anniversary is a marker of healing for the Apaches and all Native peoples.

202ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERN STAR

# HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the oldest weekly newspaper in Ohio. The Western Star, published in Lebanon, Ohio is celebrating its 202nd anniversary today. This newspaper also holds the

proud record of being the second oldest newspaper of any kind to be published in Ohio, and the oldest newspaper bearing its original name west of the Appalachian Mountains.

The Newspaper was first published on February 13, 1807 by John McLean, a former member of this great body. Mr. Mclean also served our nation as United States Postmaster General, and an Associate Justice on the Ohio and United States Supreme Courts.

Currently, the paper is owned and published by Cox Communications, which was founded by James Middleton Cox, who also served as a Member of this House.

Madam Speaker, The Western Star is an award winning weekly newspaper that exemplifies the ideal of a free press, one of this nation's greatest rights. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 202 year tradition of the Western Star and in wishing the newspaper continued success in the future

TRIBUTE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON, Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Daughters of Sunset, an active group of leaders in Sikeston, Missouri, devoted to the improvement of our community. The Daughters of Sunset were founded in 1984, and this year they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

In southern Missouri, we are very fortunate to have many organizations that serve their neighbors and create opportunities for young Americans. One of the cornerstones of the Daughters of Sunset is a scholarship program that enables young people in Sikeston to achieve the dream of attending college. It's truly a program that opens doors to talented students that would never be available to them. otherwise. Even better, the recipients of the Daughters of Sunset scholarship often take the lesson of this local support to heart; they stay in southern Missouri to put their educations to work and give back to the community that sent them to college.

The philosophy of the Daughters of Sunset is grounded in community service. They seek out opportunities to recognize the service of others, and they are recognized throughout the community as a reliable friend to any neighbor in need of a helping hand.

We are fortunate to have the Daughters of Sunset in Sikeston, and I am very proud to congratulate them on 25 years of service to the Eighth Congressional District and to commend them to the U.S. House of Representatives for all of their good works.

# TRIBUTE TO MRS. EDITH LOVELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, on February 8, 2009, Mrs. Edith Lovell, a resident of Brooklyn, New York, celebrated her 105th birthday.

She was born on February 8, 1904 in Barbados, West Indies. She migrated to the United States in 1924 and resided with family in Harlem. A few years later, she married Samuel Lovell and relocated to Brooklyn, New

Mrs. Lovell is the mother of the late Muriel Lovell Sealy and the mother of Dr. Alvin Lovell. She has three grandchildren, Angela Graham and Kelley Sealy and Alison Lovell; two great grandchildren, Philip and Amanda Graham; one great great granddaughter, Angelique; nephews, nieces and cousins, including New York State Supreme Court Justice Valerie Brathwaite Nelson.

She enjoys reading, history, the company of family and friends and participating in lively social and political discussions. She was a strong supporter of Barack Obama during the recent campaign and was proud to witness the historic occasion and celebrated his Inauguration as the 44th President of the United States.

Mrs. Lovell was an avid gardener until recently; she was the recipient of the 2003 Award for the Greenest Block in Brooklyn.

As we celebrate the various events honoring African Americans during the month of February, I truly believe we should include the name of Ms. Edith Lovell. I am proud to join the United States Congress and our nation in honoring this great trailblazer.

TRIBUTE TO LIBBY GREER

### HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today with mixed emotions to pay tribute to my departing Chief of Staff, Libby Greer. Libby has spent the last 71/2 years with my office, where she has served as my trusted advisor, my right arm, and my friend.

As people who know her will tell you, Libby has a knowledge of policy and a political acumen that have made her a compelling force. She has been a steadfast leader in both my office and within the Blue Dogs, while serving as a mentor to countless folks. Her contribution to my public service and commitment to the people of North Florida have made a lasting impression from Washington, D.C. all the way down to Florida.

It is with immense gratitude that I thank Libby for her years of service and friendship. Words simply cannot express how much she has meant to me, to my family, and to my public service efforts for the past 71/2 years. Today, I join my wife, Cissy, in wishing her much happiness and the best of luck in this new chapter of her life.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH AN-OF NIVERSARY MONROE/ LENAWEE COUNTY AFL-CIO CEN-TRAL LABOR COUNCIL

#### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker. I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Monroe/

Lenawee County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council (CLC). On January 28, 1959, nine local unions from the American Federation of Labor, known as the Monroe Central Labor Union, and sixteen local unions from the Congress of Industrial Organizations, known as the Monroe County CIO Industrial Union Council, held a merger convention in the historic Philip Murray Building in downtown Monroe. Michigan.

The purpose of this convention was to dissolve their Charters of the Monroe Central Labor Union and the Monroe County CIO Industrial Union Council and adopt a new constitution under which the two organizations would merge and form one new organization. On February 9, 1959, the National AFL-CIO granted a charter to the Monroe County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council

The Central Labor Council has worked for 50 years to secure a united action of union Locals to protect, maintain and advance the interest of all working people. These efforts include building support and advocacy for worker friendly legislation, furthering the acceptance of collective bargaining in the workplace and educating the general public on the importance of the American Labor Movement. The CLC's commitment to the betterment of their community has never waivered, and their unselfish willingness to lead by example has undoubtedly contributed to a higher standard of living for-not only union members, but for all people in Monroe, Lenawee, and the surrounding communities.

The Monroe County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council mission statement has not straved from its original purpose and remains committed to education, organizing, mobilizing and creating activities for the common good and welfare of their community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in commending the Monroe/ Lenawee County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council on 50 years of advocacy for workers and tremendous service to the community.

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVER-SARY OF AMHERST, MASSACHU-SETTS

# HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the founding of Amherst, Massachusetts 250 years ago on February 13, 1759. The following history provided by the Amherst Historical Society paints a fascinating picture of a town I have been honored to represent my entire legislative career.

Two hundred fifty years ago, a section of Hadley, Massachusetts became the district of Amherst when local men petitioned the government of Massachusetts Bay to incorporate Hadley's Second Precinct (as Amherst was officially called) as a district which could hold town meetings and govern itself. On February 13, 1759, a bill was passed and the royal governor, Thomas Pownall, named the new district "Amherst" to honor his friend General Jeffery Amherst, who had recently led a successful military expedition against the French in Canada

Hadley famers, who had been grazing their cattle on Amherst lands since the late 1600s,